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Baker-Polito Administration Announces \$2 Million MassWorks Infrastructure Award in Hatfield

*Grant will fund extension of water, sewer lines along Route 5 to
support local business expansions*



HATFIELD –Dec. 17, 2019 – Today, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy joined Selectboard Chairman Brian F. Moriarty, Senator Jo Comerford, Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, and other local leaders to announce a \$2 million MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant for Hatfield. The project will extend water and sewer lines along Route 5, increasing commercial capacity and supporting local businesses, including the proposed expansion of Stiebel Eltron, a developer and manufacturer of energy efficient heating products.

The MassWorks award will extend sewer service on Route 5 from Linseed Road to Rocks Road and water service for 1,200 feet along Route 5 south of Rocks Road. The project area is currently served by 6-inch diameter water mains and on-site wastewater disposal systems, which are insufficient for commercial development. This project would continue the town's previous efforts to extend water and sewer service along Route 5 and includes a gravity-fed sewer, a pump station, and a 4-inch force main to convey wastewater from the project area to the town's existing system.

"MassWorks is a valuable program that maximizes return on investment for capital funding, delivering vital infrastructure repairs that improve public safety while stimulating local and private development, job growth and housing production," **said Governor Charlie Baker.** "We will continue to collaborate closely with local leaders to identify opportunities and target public resources toward the growth and wellbeing of communities across the Commonwealth."

"As former municipal leaders, Governor Baker and I know firsthand the value of flexible grant programs like MassWorks, which help communities make targeted enhancements and provide opportunities for economic development," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.** "Today's award accelerates job growth and the expansion of local businesses, enhancing Hatfield's Route 5 for future growth."

"This administration recognizes the importance of reliable, modern infrastructure to the safety and success of communities of all sizes," **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy.** "We are pleased to make these infrastructure investments towards the economic development goals of the Town of Hatfield, supporting business expansion, future commercial growth and job creation for residents."

The MassWorks project supports the operational capacity of businesses on Route 5, including Scapes Builders & Excavation, Brockway Smith, and Stiebel Eltron. Stiebel's Western Hemisphere headquarters is located near the project site, and it has immediate plans to expand, contingent on the extension of the sewer system. The company is planning a new 120,000 square-foot facility, which will leverage 10 jobs and assets from its Florida site – the only other site the company operates in the United States. The project builds upon significant planning efforts, including a newly designated 43D priority development site and approximately \$2.5 million in water and sewer improvements made by the town.

"The receipt of this MassWorks Grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development will allow the Town of Hatfield to move forward with Route 5 infrastructure improvements to the town's water and sewer systems. These improvements will spur existing business expansion and allow for new business growth. This will in turn create jobs and expand the town's tax base," **said Brian F. Moriarty, Chairman of the Hatfield Board of Selectmen.**

"Water and sewer issues are some of the biggest challenges faced by municipalities in my district. I'm delighted that EOHED funding will be coming to Hatfield to help meet these challenges," **said Senator Jo Comerford.** "Extending sewer service along Route 5 will allow Hatfield to create jobs and, eventually, bolster its economy. I look forward to continue supporting Hatfield's economic development efforts at the state level in the days ahead."

"This grant is a game-changer for Hatfield," **said Representative Lindsay Sabadosa.** "It will allow for the expansion of business and economic development within the town, adding both jobs and new sources of revenue. I am thrilled for the town and grateful to all of the local officials and administrators who worked tirelessly over the years to secure this funding."

"Stiebel Eltron, a German based company with operations worldwide, is proud to call Hatfield our North American home, and we are excited about the opportunity to expand right here thanks to this infrastructure investment by the Baker-Polito Administration and the ongoing partnership with the Town," **said Frank Stiebel, President of Stiebel Eltron, Inc.** "We look forward to continuing to develop our own assembly operation in

Hatfield, and contributing to the growth of this region's economy.”

Through the 2019 MassWorks round, the Baker-Polito Administration will award more than \$72 million in MassWorks awards to a diverse mix of 36 projects in 35 communities across the Commonwealth, including nine Gateway Cities and eight communities that will receive MassWorks funding for the first time. The awards will unlock a total of \$2.3 billion in private investment and more than 4,600 new full-time jobs, along with more than 3,100 new housing units, more than a third of which are affordable, building on the Administration's efforts to tackle the ongoing housing shortage through complementary programs like [historic funding for affordable housing](#) and the proposed [Housing Choice legislation](#). The transformative projects funded by the 2019 awards were selected from 92 applications, totaling \$223 million in requests.

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$456 million in MassWorks grants to support 219 shovel-ready projects in 141 communities. MassWorks funding has leveraged over \$9.2B in private investments and made possible the creation of more than 14,000 new housing units and tens of thousands of construction and permanent jobs.

Governor Baker signed economic development legislation in August 2018 that included substantial new funding for municipalities, including another \$250 million for MassWorks awards. The legislation built on the Baker-Polito Administration's work to partner with communities to catalyze economic development and create new opportunities for residents across the Commonwealth, including the [2016 Job Creation and Workforce Development act](#), which authorized \$1 billion to support economic development efforts across the state, including a \$500 million authorization for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, enhanced tools and the introduction of new strategies for job-readiness efforts.

Learn more about MassWorks [here](#).

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